MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No recommendation was made to reduce the amount.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the name of the Dewan Peishkar?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Government had any idea of the nature and extent of the damage done when they sanctioned the amount of Rs. 300?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It was sanctioned for the purpose of giving immediate relief. No detailed estimate as to the extent of the damage or the amount required was furnished to the Government. It was intended for immediate relief to the distressed people.

*Recruitment of Ezhavas as Munsiffs.*

97. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Ezhavas are treated as a separate community in the matter of direct appointment of Munsiffs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member when the Ezhavas were treated as a separate community?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question, Sir.

*Classification of Muslims for recruitment as Munsiffs.*

98. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Muhammadan community is classed separately or among the "miscellaneous" in the matter of recruitment as Munsiffs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is classed with the "miscellaneous" group.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the rank—

PRESIDENT: A bit louder, please. The chair has to hear you to find out whether the question is admissible or not.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the rank of the Muslim community among the "miscellaneous" group?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The rule says that every alternate appointment in the "miscellaneous" group will go to a Brahmin. There is no rank for the other communities of that group.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the reason why the Muslim community is classed among the "miscellaneous" group?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Compared with the communities which have been shown separately, namely, Christians, Ezhavas and Nairs, the Muslims, from the point of view of population, must be considered as a minority community; and

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all the minority communities have been included in the "miscellaneous" group.

*Classification of communities for recruitment as Munsiffs.*

99. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what all communities are denoted by the term "miscellaneous" in the matter of recruitment as Munsiffs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Brahmins, Mahomedans and all other communities, except Christians, Ezhavas and Nairs, who are grouped separately.

*Recruitment of Munsiffs.*

100. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the general rules laid down by them in the matter of recruiting Munsiffs from different communities of the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the purpose of recruitment of Munsiffs, the communities are classed as follows:

(i) Christians { Catholics / Non Catholics.
(ii) Ezhavas.
(iii) Nairs.
(iv) Miscellaneous, including Mahomedans, Brahmins, etc.

The above classification is subject to the following rules:—

(*a*) For every two Hindus appointed from the last group, an extra Christian will be appointed.

(*b*) Every alternate appointment in the "miscellaneous" group will go to a Brahmin.

(*c*) The candidate should be a High Court Vakil of not less than five years' standing in the High Court or District Court.

*Killing of stray dogs.*

101. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Vedunangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they are aware that indiscriminate killing of stray dogs by brutally beating with heavy sticks on public thoroughfares is resorted to in all the towns in the State; and

(*b*) whether there is any benefit to the public as a result of killing the stray dogs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes the destruction of stray ownerless dogs tends to decrease the incidence of hydrophobia and removes to some extent obstruction to vehicular traffic on public roads.

*Transfer of cases from the file of the Second Class Magistrate's Court, Kottar.*

102. *MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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